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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4 - 11, and 13 - 22 remain in the application with claims 21 and 22 being the only independent claims.

With respect to the requirement for a new oath or declaration, a new Declaration is being submitted with this correspondence.

A replacement sheet of drawings is submitted with numerals "25" and "1" removed from the drawing, as required by the examiner. It is believed that all sheets of the drawings are now in full compliance with the drawing requirements.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 21, as suggested by the examiner, and should now be allowable.

Claims 2, 4 - 11 and 13 - 20 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 21 and should also be allowable.

With respect to the rejection of claims 12 under 35 USC 103 over Volf, Jr and Neill, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 22 (claim 12 rewritten in independent form) lines 12 and 13 require, "wherein said front section and said middle section each have fins attached thereto" [Emphasis added]. This structure is missing from Neill and Volf, Jr.

Neill does not have fins attached to any portion of the boat. Volf, Jr. has fins 36 attached to the middle of the boat shown in Fig. 1, however, there are no fins attached to the front section, and absent applicant's disclosure, there is no reason to provide the front of the boat

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of Volf, Jr. with fins. The examiner's statement that, "Also, Volf, Jr. discloses the front section and the middle section each having fins attached thereto, the fins being blocks 36. Blocks 36 are attached to the middle section and to the front section through the middle section." Is not true since it ignores the meaning of the terms "each" and "fins" in the claim.

The claim requires that "each" mentioned section has "fins" attached thereto. The term "fins" requires more than one fin be attached to "each" section. Volf, Jr. only discloses more than one fin attached to only one section of the boat. Therefore, Volf, Jr. does not show a plurality of fins attached to the center section and a plurality of fins attached to the front section, which is what the language of the claim requires.

"Claims in a pending application are given their broadest reasonable interpretation..." In re Pearson, 494 F.2d 1399, 181 USPQ 641 (CCPA, 1974). Here, the examiner is not giving the claim language "...their broadest reasonable interpretation...".

Also, Rejections based on 35 USC 103 must rest on a factual basis. In re Warner, 379, F.2d 1011, 1017, 154 USPQ 173, 177-78 (CCPA 1967). In making such a rejection, the examiner has the duty of supplying the requisite factual basis and may not, because of doubts that the invention is patentable, resort to speculation, unfounded assumptions or hindsight reconstruction to supply deficiencies in the factual basis.

From the above mentioned remarks and amendments, the Examiner's rejections and objections are thought to be overcome.

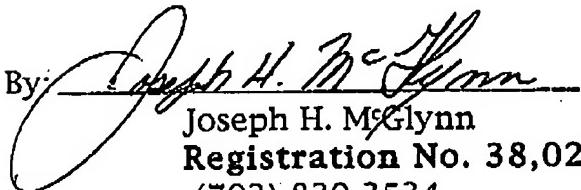
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Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.
Therefore an early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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